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## Cardinal George pays visit to Great Lakes

*Is impressed with Navy 'unity of spirit'*

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Bulletin Associate Editor

During a day-long visit to Great Lakes last week Cardinal Francis George, Archbishop of Chicago, was impressed "with the unity of spirit and dedication of everyone here who shares responsibility in various ways."

Although he is a native of Chicago, this was the cardinal's first visit to the base. His tour included Hospital Corps School, Naval Hospital, Building One, Training Support Center, and Recruit Training Command.

"The country depends on volunteers," he told the Sailors at Hospital Corps School. "You're all volunteers here. And I thank you."

He reminded his audience that they are not alone. "You've left another family and come to this family. You have the prayers of all the people who are grateful to you."

During his appearances, George encouraged the audience to ask questions and let him know what was on their minds.

In answer to an inquiry concerning the College of Cardinals, he explained that cardinals are advisors and counselors to the pope. A person volunteers to become a priest, but bishops and cardinals are selected. "There is no test for bishop or cardinal

except for your own proven track record," he said. He spoke of electing a new pope and what a "moving and intense" experience it was.

When asked about the attitude one should have toward the enemy, George said that followers of Christ are challenged to love everyone. "Jesus said love your enemies," he noted. "The government has the right to train people to defend themselves. You have the obligation to defend, and at the same time have concern for the enemy even though you may have to kill them. You have to fight. It is a difficult position to be in."

"There are a lot of demands on you," the cardinal said. "You'll be in my prayers."

Capt. Michael Anderson, commanding officer, Naval Hospital, told those gathered at the hospital chapel to hear the cardinal, that "this is a historic moment. We have had chaplains of all faiths here to provide help to patients," he noted, stressing the relationship between faith and health care.

George expressed gratitude to those who see that Sailors are kept healthy.

"The most frequent request we receive is to pray for sick persons," he said. "They see a spiritual connection."

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Cardinal Francis George receives a Naval Hospital ball cap from Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Anderson during his visit to Great Lakes. In addition to the hospital, the cardinal spoke at Hospital Corps School, Recruit Training Command, Training Support Center, and Building One. Photo by FC2 Jason Mosher

### Winter weather has arrived!

The season has debuted in classic fashion, coating Great Lakes in a blanket of snow. With the forecast in mind, it looks like the white stuff will be around for the duration. Dress warm and enjoy the season!

Photo by FC2 Jason Mosher



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### Now hear this!

The NMCRS Thrift Shop located in Building 162 will be closed during the holidays starting Dec. 21, through Jan. 4. The last day the shop will be open will be Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the time the Thrift Shop is closed, all donations are to be held until normal operations resume on Jan. 5. Also, because several volunteers will be out of town, the drop box will not be available for the drop off of donations.

### 'Toys for Tots'

Donations needed for Marine drive  
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### Find out what's happening at Great Lakes!

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# Change of Command

## MWCS-48 welcomes new commanding officer

Marine Wing Communications Squadron 48 (MWCS-48) held their change of command ceremony on Dec. 4, 2005 at Bldg 7220 aboard the Recruit Training Command. Col. Justin P. Carlitti relinquished command to Lt. Col. Norman C. Bailey.

In attendance were Col. Curtis Ames, the commanding officer of Marine Air Control Group 48; Col. James C. Jumper, the chief of staff of 4th Marine Aircraft Wing; and Col. Kevin C. Sawyer, the deputy commander of Marine Air Control Group 48.

The mission of Marine Wing Communications Squadron 48 (MWCS-48) mission is to Provide Expeditionary Communications for The Aviation Combat Element (ACE) of a Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), including the phased deployment of task-organized elements.

Carlitti took command of MWCS-48 in December 2003, following the squadron's first activation and deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

At that time, he was faced a multitude of immediate challenges related to personnel retention and recruiting, equipment recovery and readiness, and operational planning for follow-on support of OIF and the broader Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

Carlitti quickly turned the tide on declining retention rates. His visionary outlook redefined the squadron's sense of purpose in the context of the GWOT. His firm, fair, and positive leadership invigorated morale throughout the chain of command and bolstered the squadron's professional reputa-

tion. His positive leadership affirmed the Squadron's OIF I accomplishments while successfully reorienting his Marines to meet continued deployment requirements in support of the GWOT.

Carlitti led the squadron to succeed in continuous operations both abroad and in CONUS. The squadron's diverse operational commitments have included over 175

Marines deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, three Marines deployed to the Horn of Africa, four Marines deployed in support of Joint Task Force 6 (JTF-6), 40 Marines who supported Desert Talon 2-04, over 30 Marines who supported four Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) Courses, and most recently, a 32-Marine detachment which deployed to New Orleans in support of Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief efforts.

The colonel's active participation and mentorship resulted in the extremely successful deployment of these collective hundreds of Marines and millions of dollars of equipment to numerous locations.

Under his guidance, MWCS-48 provided critical and responsive support for active component commanders while achieving superior performance and unmatched combat training.

On the home front, Carlitti recognized the imperative requirement for family support and fastidiously re-established the squadron's depleted Key Volunteer Network. Appointing a family readiness officer and key volunteer network coordinator, Carlitti's guidance and direct participation successfully shaped this vital organiza-

tion to support both deployed and non-deployed Marines. Throughout his tenure, families routinely praised the effectiveness and marked improvement of the new key volunteer network.

His leadership as the MWCS-48 commanding officer re-vitalized every aspect of the unit's performance, readiness, and morale. He had the following to say about his time commanding this impressive group of Marines.

"These past two years have been a period of unprecedented operational tempo for the Marines of the squadron, they have successfully deployed to Iraq, and Afghanistan, to the Horn of Africa and in response to Hurricane Katrina.

"It has truly been my honor to lead these men and women as they have repeatedly answered the call of their nation to serve. There is no greater honor to be bestowed upon a Marine than the privilege to lead."

Carlitti is slated to report to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Intelligence Community Staff, Washington, D.C. to assume command of the Joint Reserve Augmentation Detachment.

As the new MWCS-48 commanding officer, Bailey arrives with a wealth of education and experience. He is a 1986 graduate of Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C. with a bachelor's business administration. That same year he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Marine Corps.

After initial training, Bailey was assigned to the Second Force Service Support Group's Information Systems Management Office

aboard Camp Lejeune, NC.

In 1989, Bailey was assigned as an instructor at The Basic School in Quantico, Va. After completing a master of science in information systems in 1991, he began teaching as adjunct faculty at several Washington area universities.

After completing the Amphibious Warfare School and an assignment as a platoon commander at the Officer's

Candidate School in Quantico, Va., Bailey was assigned as director of the communications and networking systems division aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif in 1993. He left the active duty Marine Corps in 1995.

In 1996, Bailey was advanced to candidacy for the doctor of business administration in strategic management from the U. S. International University in San Diego. During this period, he was promoted to major while serving in reserve units aboard Camp Pendleton, and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In 2000, Bailey was selected to command the Fourth Force Service Support Group's Communications Company in Greensboro, NC. He completed the Air War College Seminar program at Hickham Air Force Base, Hawaii in 2003 and completed several deployments including the Middle East in support of Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his acceptance as commanding officer of MWCS-48, he said. "It is an honor. I am humbled by the opportunity. I intend to continue the good work that Col. Carlitti started. I am hoping for a period where we are not deploying so that we may consolidate our gains."



Carlitti



Bailey

## SOY competition now includes all MPT&E commands

Beginning in March 2006, commands and activities throughout the Navy Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) organization will work together to select the very best Sailor to represent the MPT&E community in the Navy-wide Sailor of the Year program.

This marks the first time these activities will come together to select a single enlisted Sailor to represent MPT&E in the annual competition.

2005 has been a year of change and transformation for the Navy," said Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, Commander, Naval

Education and Training Command (NETC). "Sailors assigned to commands throughout the MPT&E enterprise have made significant contributions toward successful mission accomplishment through a wide array of assignments. I'm proud to say our Sailors are setting standards of excellence in fighting the Global War on Terrorism, improving fleet readiness through manpower, training and education solutions, working to deliver Sea Warrior through the MPT&E transformation, and assisting our nation's citizens following natural disasters."

Recognizing the accomplishments of these Sailors will be a task that falls upon the chief's mess at commands throughout the MPT&E arena. At each location, selection boards comprised of chief petty officers will review annual evaluations, recommendations and conduct interviews with Sailors who have been selected by their department as the "very best of 2005." The chiefs will evaluate personnel on a number of topics, including job performance, professional development, off-duty education, and community service to narrow the list down from the "very best" Sailors, to the "best of the best."

"Selecting a command Sailor of the Year is a lot more than just choosing one person for accolades," said Master Chief (SS/SW/AW) Mike McCalip, NETC Force Master Chief. "Our pick moves on to the next round of competition and ultimately represents every Sailor - enlisted and officer - at their command. They stand as a role model among their peers and mentors for the junior Sailors that look up to them. They also serve as a reflection of the command's leadership — from the officer's wardroom to the chief's mess."

In March, the very best Sailors from throughout MPT&E will be narrowed down

to a single Sailor who will represent the entire organization in the Navy-wide Shore Sailor of the Year competition.

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*Vice Adm. Kevin Moran  
Commander, Naval Education and Training Command*

"The challenges of the past year and the significant accomplishments of our Sailors will make the MPT&E Sailor of the Year competition extremely tough," McCalip said. "Our Sailors have truly risen to the task and displayed exceptional flexibility and professionalism in responding to an ever-changing mission. They have proven themselves to be the right Sailors, with the right training in the right place at the right time. When it comes to selecting one individual to represent the entire MPT&E enterprise from the list of highly qualified individuals, there are no losers, only winners."

For more information on the MPT&E Sailor of the Year program, consult GENADMIN 021329Z NOV 05.



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# Galleys serve Great Lakes recruits, students



Students enjoyed food, sumo wrestling, bottle toss, and pie-eating contests on the patio outside Galley 535 in August. *Photo by Troy Konz*

By **JUDY R. LAZARUS**  
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Feeding recruits and staff, and Training Support Center students and staff, is the job of the Great Lakes Food Service Department which has served over 8.5 million meals in 2005.

Approximately 800 individuals with disabilities from Goodwill Industries have been cooking, cleaning, and serving base personnel since 1998.

The 11 galleys providing food at Recruit Training Command include nine ships which have their own galleys, the newly renovated Galley 1128, and mainside's Galley 535. Galley 1128, which had been closed since 2002, originally opened its doors in 1965 and has served recruits, along with Galley 928, until 1978 when it became the only galley in use. In 1995 both galleys were in operation; 928 is now officially closed.

Goodwill's standard process for opening a new galley includes organized planning of

staffing, orientation, training, budgeting, product flows, and cleaning.

Special events sponsored by Food Services have taken place at Galley 535. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" took place in May; the first "States Fair" was held on the patio in August; a pumpkin-carving contest was held in October; and a Super Bowl tail-gate lunch is scheduled for February.

"Goodwill's staff continues to raise the bar in terms of quality of food and customer service provided to recruits and students training at Great Lakes," said Ron Fry, Galley and Uniform Issue Program director and Navy Region Midwest business manager

"I would have never dreamed we could achieve the improvements in customer service and food quality, and provide meaningful employment to people with disabilities. The food service operation at Great Lakes is one that the Navy and other DOD agencies are using as a model for customer service and efficiency."

## How to receive SBC Smart Page phone book

The Base Communications Office receives (at no charge) the local area SBC Smart Pages phone book each spring. Using a list of commands and counts, the SBC contractor delivers the phone books to several buildings such as Building 1 for Naval Station/Naval Station Training Command, Building 3 for TSC, Building 30 (Boorda Hall), Building 200H for all of the Hospital side, etc, as well as extras to the Base Communications Office.

If your office has not been receiving the SBC phone book, please call your Telephone Coordinator. At that time please inform them of the number of telephone books your Department requires. The Telephone Coordinators may adjust their counts to meet the needs of their personnel with the BCO anytime before 30 January.

The BCO then passes the information to the delivery company. Any command that would like to pick up a few books to hold

them until the spring delivery, please come to the Base Communications Office, Building 26.

If an activity needs a directory for another region such as Milwaukee, Chicago, etc, please call RH Donnelly at 1-800-487-6733 x 2. Keep in mind there is a charge for directories outside your region. For those with internet access, you may go to smartpages.com for complete listings.

On another note, please remember the BASE DIRECTORY is no longer published in a paper format. However, you may access general phone numbers at the MWR website, WWW.MRGL.COM, click on "base phone book". If you require the complete Great Lakes Base Directory, please call x 2091 for information on obtaining the full version.

For a DSN number, or for the entire DSN directory, you may download a PDF file by going to <http://dsnbbs.ncr.disa.mil/telephone.htm>.

## Toys for Tots donations are falling short of goal

The Toys for Tots Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal it is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

Marines aboard Naval Station Great Lakes actively participate in a number of venues each year to promote this program in an effort to collect as many toys as possible to distribute to needy children in the area.

However, the Marines from Marine Air Control Group-48 (MACG-48) have experienced a sharp decline in the donations this year. The decline in donations is understandable with all the catastrophes the nation has experienced.

The expectation here is if the word gets out that there is an abundance of need here

locally, and a shortage in Toys for Tots donations, that organizations and people, who originally have not participated, will join in our efforts.

Last year at this time the Marines had collected approximately 20,000 toys. This season, to date, they have collected around 7,000 — almost all of which have been distributed.

Usually around this time of year the Marines are searching for storage space, however, this year they have an almost completely empty warehouse.

The hallmark of this program is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy Children."

Everyone who would like to help MACG-48 achieve its goal of helping as many needy children in the Chicagoland area as possible is asked to contact Gunnery Sgt Kappus or Staff Sgt Mendez at (847) 688-7129, ext. 415. The Marines - and the children - need your help!

## CARDINAL

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In seeking feedback, the cardinal said he would like to "come out of here with a sense of what's on your minds."

One comment from the audience related to the differences that may occur between ideas personally expressed by a teacher in a classroom and what the Church teaches.

"There are different influences," George said. "We are trying to establish what is essential."

In reply to a question about mixed-religion marriage, the cardinal said it is important for the couple to work that out.

"A mixed message may be hard for children, but sometimes it works," he said. "Some things are habit but some are choice. Most of life is run by habit. When you're trying to teach religion you are forming a habit. You can respect each other's faith but which is their [the children's] world? It is easier when messages are all the same."

Speaking in the rotunda at Building One, the cardinal explained that his archdiocese, which covers Cook and Lake counties, is made up of 2-1/2 million Catholics and 374 parishes.

When asked what he considers to be the toughest challenge facing the Church the cardinal spoke of passing on the faith. "That is a challenge for any religion," he noted.

"Religion is not a hobby. It is at the core of a person."

George observed that religion is now more secular. "It has become a sort of club, a service organization."

At Recruit Training Command, the cardinal's last stop at Great Lakes, he visited with Division 011 which had completed Battle Stations, and Division 020 which had not yet undergone that recruit rite of passage.

"People who are responsible for you speak of you with great pride," he said. He asked the Sailors what their biggest boot camp challenge was.

RTC Executive Officer Cmdr. Annie Andrews noted that "the challenge here is only a small fraction of what these Sailors may be called upon to do in the future."

In answer to a question regarding the responsibilities of a cardinal, George explained that a cardinal has certain responsibilities in Rome as well as at home. Cardinals, bishops and archbishops are appointed, he said, while a priest is a volunteer who must have four to eight years of training and spiritual formation.

"Once you are ordained as a priest you go where you're sent," he said. "It's a bit like the military in that way."



Cardinal George thanked the Sailors at Hospital Corps School for volunteering to serve their country. *Photo by FC2 Jason Mosher*



# Personnel roadmap outlined for workforce

By **JOCS WILLIAM HOUIHAN**  
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MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Kevin Moran addressed the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) workforce here Nov. 30, to outline Sea Warrior and the revolution in training.

Moran said the goal is to ensure the right person is in the right place, with the right skills, at the right time - all at the best value to the Navy.

“We need to make sure that we understand what the competencies, knowledge skills and abilities required for every position in the U.S. Navy are,” said Moran, who

met with all of NPC during his stop.

He highlighted the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) Business Architecture of Sea Warrior and NPC’s role in the venture. The focus was on products to be delivered to the fleet and to the Sailors, but he also touched on the contributions of federal civilians.

“Our business in the manpower and distribution piece is to make sure that databases are accurate, to deliver the best fit for that position,” said Moran, highlighting the top five products Sailors can expect to see.

The first, “My Course,” offers tools for the Sailor to go online to improve their resume and compete for jobs using the five-vector model. Ultimately, a tailored, per-

sonalized learning plan will map out what each Sailor needs to succeed in or compete for a position.

“Advance to Opening” lets enlisted Sailors advance based on their acquired competencies. It comes with greater opportunities to compete for positions in higher pay grades.

Interactive Detailing, a system that’s already in progress with the Job Assignment Selection System, called JCMS, is being expanded. This will match rating and Navy Enlisted Classifications to billets, then move toward Sailors controlling their own destinies by using a resume. The result will generate the best fit for the job.

Certifications and Qualifications will focus on letting Sailors leverage Navy expe-

rience and training to enhance their resume. It associates professional milestones with recognized civilian certifications.

“Life Long Learning” emphasizes formal (i.e. college degree) and non-formal (i.e. hobby-related) courses. Education in general is linked to the Personal Development vector of the Five-Vector Model. By Fiscal Year 2010, an Associate’s Degree will be required for advancement to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

“We want to examine the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) of each of these products. We will look at the holes and delivery of that product, to come up with a date and stick to it,” said Moran.

Nearly 2,000 military and civilian personnel attended the talk.

## RTC Great Lakes makes 4th quarter retention honor roll

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Seven Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) units and 13 commands and activities from throughout the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) organization — including Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes — have been named to the NETC 4th quarter Honor Roll for Retention Excellence. The program rewards Naval Education and Training subordinate commands of all sizes for meeting or exceeding established retention criteria and limiting attrition.

“The Retention Excellence Award Program supports our Sea Warrior commitment to maintain fleet readiness through aggressive retention programs and policies,”

said Vice Adm. Kevin Moran, NETC commander. “Our commitment to retaining the very best Sailors for continued service in the 21st century directly impacts the Navy’s operational readiness and mission accomplishment.”

The program looks at retention statistics in four separate categories. Zone A focuses on first-term Sailors with six or less years of service with a target retention rate of 53 percent. The goal is higher - at 69 percent - for Zone B Sailors with 6 to 10 years of service. For Zone C, career Sailors with 10 to 14 years of service, the goal is set at 85 percent. The final category limits attritions at 18 percent or less.

Each quarter, Fleet Program Managers

tabulate data from the Enlisted Master File (EMF) based on transactions occurring during the reporting period. NETC claimancy commands that meet or exceed these retention standards are named to the Retention Honor Roll and receive permission to fly the Honor Roll Pennant at their command. Commands that make the honor roll at least twice during the fiscal year qualify for the annual Retention Excellence Award.

To allow smaller commands to compete on an equal basis, there are special provisions that even the playing field. For instance, if a command has transactions in only two of the three categories during a quarter, the zone without any transactions will be counted as 100 percent. Commands

can only use this default for one zone per quarter providing they meet all other criteria. Additionally, commands that are named to the honor roll for one quarter and have no disqualifying transactions during the subsequent quarter, retain their honor roll status.

Significant achievement in command retention may also be rewarded. NETC echelon III commanders and commanding officers may nominate, by standard Naval letter, subordinate commands that do not meet the specific benchmark requirements for retention but demonstrate significant improvement during any particular report period. These nominations will be assessed and validated at NETC headquarters.

## Support the troops overseas by donating blood

By **EVA KOWALSKI**  
Training Support Center

The Naval Hospital is calling all military and civilian staff to support the troops by donating blood on Monday Dec. 12 in Bldg. 616, Rm. 108 at Center for Surface Combat Systems Learning Site, Great Lakes between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All units collected from the blood drive will be donated to injured troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The blood units donated are going

directly to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the global war on terrorism,” said Lt. Danny Fisher, Navy Region Midwest LifeSource blood donor program director.

The goal for the blood drive is to raise 180 units.

Lt. Michael Ross, Head of Naval Hospital, Great Lakes Blood Donor Center, said the purpose of the drive is to try to avoid blood shortages during the busy holiday season, where typically a decline in donations occurs. Characteristically, the Naval Hospital

sends blood units to troops on a regular basis.

“Just because we’re taking a break (for the holidays) doesn’t mean the war is going to stop,” he said.

The blood that will be collected will be used to fulfill military mission requirements. “We send (donations) to a receiving center and then they distribute it,” said Ross.

“Each unit can benefit up to three people,” added Fisher.

All blood types are needed, but in par-

ticular O Positive.

All donors must bring photo identification with them either in the form of a military I.D., Driver’s License or State I.D.

Food will be provided afterwards, however, donors should eat beforehand.

“Eat breakfast, eat lunch,” said Fisher.

If you would like to schedule a specific time frame to donate, please email GMCS (SW) Donald Langlois at donald.langlois@navy.mil with your phone number, email address, blood type and one-hour timeframe availability.

## Nominate a family in need for USO Christmas meal basket

The USO of Illinois has announced a Christmas Holiday 2005 family support program. A Christmas meal basket with a ham, two side dishes and dessert will be sponsored and delivered to military families in need by Thursday, Dec. 22.

The family’s information will remain completely confidential. No further questions will be asked of the family.

Nomination to the program is the only requirement.

Qualifying families must be active duty (this include those who are active duty guard and reserve.)

The USO wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to families, especially those who may have a member of the family serving overseas.

Needed information can be submitted in two ways, by fax or e-mail.

If faxing, include the following info:

- Submitting person’s name
- Unit/Branch
- Submitting person’s phone number
- Unit address
- Name of military member and his/her duty station location

- Name of person receiving the dinner delivery

- Address, city, state and zip code
- Phone number of receiving family
- Number of persons in receiving family

Fax this information to 312-923-2362 to be received no later than Monday, Dec. 12.

The information may also be e-mailed to: rstilesuso@ameritech.net.

## Navy Band Great Lakes to perform holiday concert ‘Season of Light’

By **LAUREL JACOBS**  
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The Navy Band Great Lakes will be performing its holiday concert “Season of Light,” at Ross Theater (Bldg. 110) on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Performances

will be by the Great Lakes Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Horizon, a contemporary music ensemble. All will be directed by Lt. Joseph Dolsak.

Santa Claus will be there to make the day extra special. “We’re really trying to make it a good mix of holiday entertainment. The

season is more than just Christmas and we want to be sure we include everyone. We will be playing a great variety of music this year, including wonderful medleys of Christmas and Hanukah songs. It will be a great time,” said MU3 Sarah Carr.

Along with the medleys, “Blith Bells”

will be played by the Wind Ensemble. A performance of “The Night Before Christmas,” will be read by Dolsak with musical accompaniment.

For more information contact the Navy Band Public Affairs Office at 847-688-4760.



### Pearl Harbor veterans

Veterans from the World War II-era destroyer USS Ward are honored on the 64th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Local Pearl Harbor veterans, and their stories of that fateful day, are featured on page 18. *U.S. Navy photo by PH3 TeResa R. Martinez*



# Official debunks myths about military recruits

By **DONNA MILES**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON ñ Recruits entering the military are head and shoulders above their contemporaries, and myths that imply otherwise reflect the Vietnam era, not today, a top Pentagon official told the American Forces Press Service.

"They are so clearly a cut above America," Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, said of today's recruits.

Carr bristles when he hears unfounded charges that the men and women entering the military are less educated, less affluent or less likely than other 18- to 24-year-olds to have alternatives to military service. Rather, a combination of volunteerism and commitment to service is prompting young people to enlist, Carr said, noting that a measure of shrewdness plays into their decision. "They are planning their future and considering what part we can play in it," he said.

Carr likes to think of himself as a "myth buster," helping break stereotypes he said

are flat-out wrong and cheat servicemembers out of the pride they've earned and deserve.

He rattled off examples of those myths and set the record straight for each one.

Myth 1: Military recruits are less educated and have fewer work alternatives than other young Americans.

In fact, military recruits are far better educated than the general youth population, Carr said. More than 90 percent of recruits have a high school diploma, compared to about 75 percent of the U.S. youth population.

That's an important issue to the military, Carr said, because a traditional high school diploma is the single best indicator of a recruit's stick-to-it-ness and likelihood of successfully adjusting to military service. Recruits with a high school diploma have a 70 percent probability of completing a three-year enlistment versus a 50 percent chance for nongraduates.

The military has exceeded the 90-percent benchmark for recruits with high school diplomas every year since 1983, Carr noted.

Myth 2: The military tends to attract people with lower aptitudes.

Recruits actually have much higher average aptitudes than the general youth population, Carr said. In fiscal 2005, 67 percent of recruits scored above the 60th percentile on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. The test is designed so that the average young person will score 50 percent, he explained.

But high achievement on the test isn't new, Carr said. Sixty percent of new enlistees have scored at or above the 50 percentile -- the military's benchmark for recruits -- every year since 1985.

Myth 3: The military attracts a disproportionate number of poor or underprivileged youth.

In reality, military recruits mirror the U.S. population and are solidly middle class, Carr said. He cited a recent Heritage Foundation report that shows most recruits come from middle-class families, rather than poorer or wealthier ones. Patterns in recent years reinforce this trend, showing a slight dip in recruits from lower socioeconomic groups and a slight increase from upper-class groups, Carr said.

Myth 4: A disproportionate number of recruits come from urban areas.

Inner cities are actually the most underrepresented area among new recruits, Carr said. Both suburban and rural areas are overrepresented, he said.

Myth 5: The military isn't geographically representative of America.

The southern part of the United States generates the most recruits, 41 percent, but also has the biggest youth population to draw from, 36 percent, Carr said. Twenty-four percent of recruits come from north-central regions, which have 23 percent of the youth population. The west, with 24 percent of the nation's youth, contributes 21 percent of the new enlistees. And the northeast, with 18 percent of the youth population, provides 14 percent of new recruits.

Clearing up misconceptions about military recruits paints a truer picture of the young men and women joining the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, and the capabilities they bring to their respective services, Carr said. It also reinforces what Carr said military leaders have recognized all along: "There's enormous talent in their midst," he said.

## DoD announces implementation of traumatic injury protection

By **Special Release from the U.S. Department of Defence**

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Department of Defense announced Nov. 30 the implementation of traumatic injury protection insurance under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program as enacted by section 1032 of Public Law 109-13.

The program, which will be known as TSGLI, is designed to provide financial assistance to service members during their recovery period from a serious traumatic injury.

matic injury.

On Dec. 1, all members eligible for SGLI will become insured for traumatic injury protection of up to \$100,000 unless they decline SGLI coverage. A flat monthly premium of \$1.00 will be added to the monthly SGLI deduction, regardless of the amount of SGLI coverage that the member has elected effective Dec. 1.

TSGLI is not disability compensation and has no effect on entitlement for compensation and pension benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or disability benefits provided by the

Department of Defense. It is an insurance product similar to commercial dismemberment policies.

TGLI provides money for a loss due to a specific traumatic event while disability compensation is intended to provide ongoing financial support to make up for the loss in income-earning potential due to service-connected injuries.

The retroactive provision of PL 109-13 provides that any service member who suffered a qualifying loss between Oct. 7, 2001, and Dec. 1, 2005, will receive a benefit under the TSGLI program if the

loss was a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Department of Defense developed this program in close coordination with the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will closely monitor implementation with the services and make necessary adjustments if required.

For more information, service members should contact their individual service.

## Honormen, Award Winners at the Recruit Graduation Review



**The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Academic Excellence Award**  
**SR Eric Crosby, Niceville, Fla.**

The Following Honor Recruits for this week's Recruit Review graduation ceremony will be presented with a Statuette of the Lone Sailor by the Fleet Reserve Association:

**SR Margaret Knopic, Division 021, Wheeler, Ind.**  
**SR Tamara Rocas, Division 022, South San Francisco, Calif.**

**SR Jonathan Shuck, Division 023, Spokane, Wash.**  
**SR Matthew Rivera, Division 024, Fort Myers, Fla.**

**SR Davia Thompson, Division 025, Houston, Texas,**

**SR Sediqua Mctier, Division 026, Niceville, Fla.**  
**SR Eric Manning, Division 903, Richmond, Va.**

The Recruit Chief Petty Officers for this week's Recruit Review graduation is as follows:

**SR Tiffany Masters, Division 021, Canandaigua, N.Y.**

**SR Andre Guice, Division 022, Clinton, Md.**  
**SR Jonathan Shuck, Division 023, Spokane, Wash.**

**SR Matthew Rivera, Division 024, Fort Myers, Fla.**

**SR Jason Parks, Division 025, Grand Haven,**

**Mich.**

**SR Rowel Acosta, Division 026, Ewa Beach, Hawaii,**

**SR Charles McBride, Division 903, Omaha, Neb.**  
The following individuals are Award Recipients for this week they are as follows:

**The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Academic Excellence Award**

**SR Eric Crosby, Niceville, Fla.**

**United Services Organization Shipmate Award**

**SR Selmar Golden, Detroit, Mich.**

**The Military Order of the World Wars Award of Merit**

**SR Alicia Brady, Yuba City, Calif.**

**Military Officers Association of America Award Leadership Award**

**SR Zane Macnaughton, Redmond, Wash.**

**Navy League Award**

**SR Matthew Rivera, North Fort Myers, Fla.**

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# Viewpoint



## Readers Speak Out

This week the *Bulletin* asks its readers, “Do you have any special holiday traditions you’d like to share?”



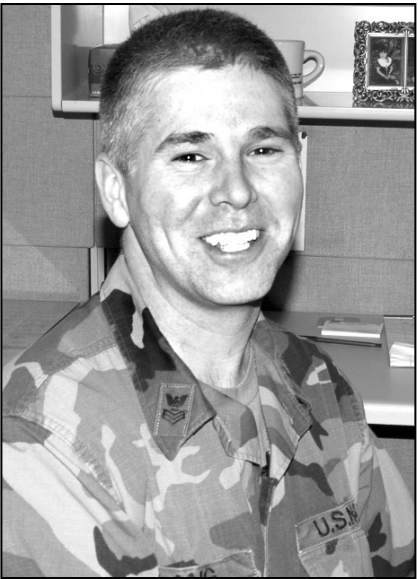
“Enjoying family and my home made pumpkin pie using fresh pumpkin.”  
Donna Landers Budget Assistant  
REDCOM Midwest



“I look forward to opening presents with my kids on Christmas day.”  
MA1 Jake Krusemark



“No particular traditions, but I enjoy spending time with my family.”  
YN1 Pranee McFadgen



“We don’t really have any special traditions but I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.”  
EA1 Richard Lang



“My wife goes out and puts 10,000 lights all around the house, blows all the fuses. Then, after everything is working we have the lighting of the house.”  
EOCS Mike Newmann



“We always open one present the night before Christmas and for all the things we were fortunate to receive during the year.”  
CMDCM James Parlier

## Volunteers needed at NMCRS

Do you enjoy helping others?  
Do you want to make new friends?  
Maybe you just want to be out of the house for a few hours a day.  
Get involved with NMCRS today!  
• Volunteer as a receptionist! greet clients and process data.  
• Volunteer as a caseworker! Listen to requests, make decisions and help dis-pense funds to meet clients needs.

• Volunteer in one of the society’s largest thrift shops!  
Help organize and sell donated items. You’ll receive on the job training in many areas to spruce up your resume.  
We pay for childcare expenses and mileage!  
Stop by or call at (847) 688-6830 to see how you can make a difference.

## WHAT happened WHEN

A look back at historic Great Lakes

40 years ago  
**Housing nears completion**  
Housing which is urgently needed for center personnel is being rushed to completion in Forrestal Village and should be ready for total occupancy in January. Lt. Cmdr. R.C. Clark, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, stated earlier this week that the building contractor, working far ahead of his 18-month contract, is expected to finish the last of 86 enlisted quarters during the first few days of 1966.

20 years ago  
**Families recognized**  
For the second consecutive year the American Family Society has invited the Navy to participate in its National Family Awareness Campaign, the Great American Family Awards Program. This program is an opportunity for recognition rather than a “contest,” and more than one family will be recognized at the local level. Last year a special recognition ceremony n review luncheon at the Port O’Call, during which the families were introduced.

30 years ago  
**Affirmative Action plan**  
A series of meetings were held recently at NTC to gain military and civilian input into the development of workable and meaningful Affirmative Action Plan for the command. The meetings, called by Commander Naval Training Center Martin “M” Zenni, included many key community leaders led by North Chicago Mayor Leo F. Kukla. “These early meetings are designed to gather ideas,” Zenni said.

10 years ago  
**Saturday Scholars graduate**  
Saturday Scholars and their volunteer tutors attended a graduation ceremony at Bluejacket Memorial Chapel on Nov. 18. Ninety-two students from Chicago’s John Milton Gregory School completed the six-week program which provided reading, mathematics, and English tutoring for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Rear Adm. Patricia A Tracey, CNTC, was guest speaker at the graduation ceremony.

## Buildings on Base

Twice a month the *Great Lakes Bulletin* will offer a glimpse of various building throughout the base.

Are you familiar with this one?



Answer Building 122



# Information, Tickets & Travel

## Building 400, 688-3537

### Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Bldg. 400, 688-3537

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sat.: 10 a.m.-Noon. Sun. & Holidays: Closed.

Note: Special "late" hours to book your holiday travel - Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Additional tickets available through the ITT Office include Metra, the Hancock Building, Medieval Times, Spirit of Chicago, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and much more!

### MWR Offers Free Chicago Wolves Hockey Game Tickets!

For the fourth straight year, the Chicago Wolves and the MWR Department are offering 100 free tickets to each and every home game at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL.

All eligible MWR customers may stop by the ITT Office to sign-up (at least two days prior to the game of choice) to receive a voucher (good for up to four tickets) for any home game per month (additional tickets are permitted if availability exists). Customers must present the voucher at the Arena's VIP ticket window on the day of the game to receive their free tickets.

Sign-up at least two days prior to the game of choice...

-12/9, 7:30 p.m. vs. PEO  
-12/11, 5 p.m. vs. PEO  
-12/14, 7 p.m. vs. SAN  
-12/17, 7 p.m. vs. MIL  
-12/23, 7 p.m. vs. HER  
-12/29, 7 p.m. vs. MIL  
-12/30, 7 p.m. vs. PEO

### Special Military Rates for Holiday Exodus Travel

Now Fox World / American Express\* have been designated to assist with the annual "Exodus Travel" for base personnel to return home during the holiday period. In order to assist Navy personnel with these arrangements, a special MWR Holiday Travel Desk will be established at the ITT Office in the Student Store.

Although Exodus is the busiest travel time of the year, reduced Military (MIL) rates are available along with some relief from many of the airline ticketing rules. In 2004, Navy personnel utilizing the MWR Holiday Travel Desk saved an average of \$86.00 - \$120.00 per ticket versus purchasing from an outside source. Based on last year's numbers, the MWR Holiday Travel Desk saved over \$60,000 in airfare for sailors heading home for the holidays.

Reservations and information for Amtrak is available along with information on bus services throughout the U.S. Our MWR Travel Desk is operative through December.

Purchase your discounted shuttle bus tickets for both outbound and inbound travel between the base and area airports for "Exodus" travel at the ITT office. All personnel are advised to make their plans as far in advance as possible.

### Leisure Travel Offers

For duty station personnel, Fox World / American Express\* will be available to provide travel assistance throughout the year for everything from emergency trips home to off-duty vacations and dependant travel. Military discounts are available on

a number of tours, cruises and packaged vacations. Local contact is 847-234-5877 or 877-805-9157 outside Illinois; they can also be found on the web at [www.gofox.com](http://www.gofox.com).

Of special interest will be Fox World's\* cruise offerings which will include military rates on Carnival as well as other lines. They are in the process of establishing a schedule to have an agent on duty at the ITT Office to book this travel, and answer all questions.

### Ace Rent-a-car O'Hare Valet Parking...

\$12/day valet (right off Manheim Road) Buy three days and get the fourth day free! They shuttle you to your terminal and pick-up you! Call the ITT Office for full details.

### Commemorative Bricks

Etch your name in Great Lakes' history by purchasing a commemorative brick, available through the ITT Office. Bricks will be placed around the walkway to graduation at the Recruit Training Command. For more details, and/or to fill out an order form, stop by the ITT Office today!

### Special Military Rates Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chicago Downtown

Now serving Great Lakes with discounted rates from \$79/Night (King or 2 Double beds) Located on Harrison St. at Canal St., 4 blocks south of the METRA Kenosha North Line stop and 2 blocks from Amtrak/Union Station, Greyhound Terminal, and Scarlett's. Hotel features an outdoor rooftop pool & deck and Aurelio's Pizza & Lounge. Sears Tower, Greek Town, Grant Park, the Museum Campus, and the Lakefront are all minutes

away. Clinton "L" stop of the CTA Blue Line is located at the base of the hotel.

Offer subject to availability. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit [www.hidowntown.com](http://www.hidowntown.com).

For advance reservations call 312-957-9100 and ask for the Navy rate.

### Need a weekend getaway? \$44.99 per night (double occupancy)

Extended Stay Hotels is offering special military rates for Extended Stay America - Vernon Hills, Homestead Studio Suites - Vernon Hills and Crossland - Waukegan for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. Whether you choose Extended Stay America, Homestead Studio Suites, or Crossland you can make yourself at home in our studio suites with fully equipped kitchens.

In addition, all local phone calls are free and each hotel is pet friendly. Onsite guest laundry facilities are available 24 hours, daily.

Relax and enjoy the weekend at our hotels centrally located in Lake County off I-94 and minutes away from nearby shopping as Hawthorn Mall or Gurnee Mills, restaurants, golf courses, and movie theatres. Special military rates are also available for longer term stays over seven nights.

Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit [www.ExtendedStayHotels.com](http://www.ExtendedStayHotels.com). For advance reservations call: ESA Vernon Hills (847-821-7101), Homestead Studio Suites Vernon Hills (847-955-1111) or Crossland Waukegan (847-688-0402).

Laugh a lot at ComedySportz in Chicago. Finally, a fun, fast-paced comedy show that's great for the whole family. It's ComedySportz, improvisational comedy.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Visit the MWR Travel Desk in the ITT Office  
(Bldg. 400, NEX-Student Store)

Airline Tickets at Exclusive Military Exodus Discounts!

Airport shuttle tickets only \$15 one way to either Midway or O'Hare Airport.

Shuttle buses leaving as early as 4:30 a.m. from Pier 525. Plus negotiated discount shuttle rates back to the base via Continental Airport Express, upon your return. All bus tickets available for purchase at ITT.

Amtrak information and Metra connections.

Book in person (at the following times) at the ITT Office, Bldg 400 NEX-Student Store.

-Fri., Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
-Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
-Mon., Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
-Tues., Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
-Wed., Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
-Thurs., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
-Fri., Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
-Sat., Dec. 17, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Book over the phone: MWR Travel Desk  
Call: 847-234-5877 (in IL) - 877-805-9157 (outside IL)  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Email: [leisuretrvl@gofox.com](mailto:leisuretrvl@gofox.com)  
Tickets delivered to the ITT Office.  
For more information, call the ITT Office at 688-3537.

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## ★ ROSS ★ THEATER

Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD)

\$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone. Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

GREAT MOVIES AT A GREAT PRICE!

Fri., Dec. 9  
6 p.m.



R-For strong crude and sexual humor, pervasive language and some drug use. (93 Min.)

Fri., Dec. 9  
8:30 p.m.



R-For violence and language. (126 Min.)

Sat., Dec. 10  
6 p.m.



PG 13-For violence, disturbing images and brief sexuality. (100 Min.)

Sat., Dec. 10  
8:30 p.m.



R-For strong violence/gore and language. (95 Min.)

Sun., Dec. 11  
7 p.m.



PG 13-For sexual content including dialogue, and for language. (95 Min.)

★ Ross Theater will close Sat., Dec. 17 and will re-open Mon., Jan. 2 with a FREE Movie at 7 p.m.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MWR!



The movie schedule is subject to change without notice.

For up-to-date information, call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697, 24 hours-a-day or check the web site at [www.mwrgl.com](http://www.mwrgl.com)



## Places to dine • Places to go

### The Port O' Call Banquet and Conference Center

#### The Port O' Call will be closed from Dec. 17-Jan. 3.

The Port O' Call Banquet and Conference Center, offers a panoramic view of Lake Michigan. It is the perfect place for any community, civic, athletic or social banquet for groups of 15 to 250. The banquet menu features hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and meal selections for sit-down dinners, buffets and receptions. There are several value-priced packages for wedding receptions. Additionally,

for meetings/seminars, the Port O' Call can accommodate guests with AV requirements, along with any type of food requests.

#### Last Minute Meeting?

Have lunch at the Port O' Call and reserve the Boardroom at no additional charge...

Availability: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Port O' Call offers privacy, outstanding customer service and professional servers. Make your reservation today by calling 688-6946.





# Chaplain's Corner



## Is there something God cannot do?

By LT. P.K. RAY  
CHC. USNR

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:20, NIV)

Sometimes, when people want to attack the idea of God, they come up with questions that challenge God's existence, God's power, or God's goodness. As a chaplain, I receive questions from both seekers and skeptics alike. One classical question that challenges God's omnipotence (all-powerful-ness) is, "Can God create a stone that God cannot lift?" This is a common one and most have probably heard it. It is an enduring question because the answer is not readily apparent. (There is a fatal flaw in the question, but it is hidden in the wording!)

So, why does this question seem to undermine the idea that God is all-powerful? Well, if God is all-powerful, then God should be able to make anything, including a rock that God cannot lift. If God cannot make such a rock, we are presented with a task that God cannot do. Therefore God is not all-powerful. If God can make such a rock, there is still something God cannot do, namely lift the rock after its creation. Therefore, either answer demonstrates that God is not all-powerful, right? Further, if God is not all-powerful, then belief in God (an all-powerful being) is itself false.

On the surface, it seems that we have just shown that God cannot be all-powerful. Thus an all-powerful God does not exist. The key, however, to showing the flaw in our argument is found in going beneath the surface. If, before formulating the question, we had started by attempting to define God, we would have said that among other qualities, God is all-powerful. Being all-powerful includes being able to lift anything whatsoever. So the question in reality is, "Can God, who can lift anything whatsoever, make something that God cannot lift?" The answer, by definition, is no. If God can lift absolutely anything, then absolutely anything God creates will be something that God can lift. And, this answer does not seem to weaken the idea of an omnipotent God.

Sometimes, philosophers pose questions that attempt to challenge the existence of God. More convincing, though, are the many arguments for God's existence. One of my favorites is the cosmological argument. Its basic argument is that the sheer



LT. P.K. RAY

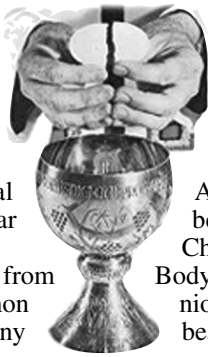
existence of anything necessitates the existence of God. Richard Swinburne provided an eloquent example of the reasoning in the cosmological argument when he wrote, "It is extraordinary that there should exist anything at all. Surely the most natural state of affairs is simply nothing: no universe, no God, nothing. But there is something. And so many things. Maybe chance could have thrown up the odd electron. But so many particles! Not everything will have an explanation. But the whole progress of science and all other intellectual enquiry demands that we postulate the smallest number of brute facts. If we can explain the many bits of the universe by one simple being which keeps them in existence, we should do so—even if inevitably we cannot explain the existence of that simple being." (Richard Swinburne, *Is There a God?* Oxford University Press, 1997)

Beyond all philosophical arguments, though, is the simple fact that human beings were created with the capacity and the need to seek and worship God. Wherever you find people, you will find that they have built a shrine, a temple, a mosque, an altar, a church, an icon, or some other object of focus or place of gathering where they can encounter God. We can argue that God does not exist, but our hearts tell us differently!

## Liturgical Protestant service of Holy Eucharist

Beginning this Sunday, Dec. 11, at 0800, Forrestal Village Chapel will provide a weekly service of Holy Eucharist (Communion). Chaplain Chris Allen, an Anglican priest (Episcopal Church, USA) will be the regular celebrant.

The liturgy used will come from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, and Christians of many



other liturgical denominations will find this form quite familiar.

All are welcome to attend, and according to his faith group's tradition, Chaplain Allen is able to invite all who believe in the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine — his Body and Blood — to receive communion. Come worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

### Christmas Cantata

The Catholic and Protestant combined choirs will present a Christmas Cantata at Forrestal Village Chapel on Sunday, 11 DEC, at 1000.

*The Majesty and the Glory of Christmas*

is a fabric of traditional carols and portions of Handel's *Messiah*, woven and arranged by Billy Ray Hearn and Tom Fettke. The performance lasts for one hour. There will be refreshments afterwards in the fellowship hall.

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Kiosks put information at sailors' fingertips

BY JO3 CHRIS HWANG  
Navy Personnel Command

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy Personnel Command is steadily incorporating new technology, upgrading Navy Exchange computer kiosks in November to offer real-time information to Sailors.

The kiosks allow Internet access to the BUPERS Web site, Stay Navy tools and much more. The Great Lakes kiosk is located in the uniform shop in the NEX student store, Bldg. 400.

"We now have 20 identical units in Navy Exchanges on their respective bases," said Navy Personnel Command Action Officer Lt. j.g. Robert Johnson.

"It's basically a computer in a box and a

one-stop information tool," taking essential information to high-traffic locations, said Johnson. "The easy-to-use kiosk features a touch screen with a built-in privacy feature."

Customers have a single access point for information that's spread out over numerous Web sites. In addition to these career tools, Sailors can research places to live, nearby restaurants or other local information about their base surroundings. This system can be an invaluable resource for Sailors and families that are transitioning to a new duty station.

"We wanted Sailors to have a consistent experience with one-stop kiosks no matter what base they were on, said Johnson. "The kiosks now look alike and have identical content and information presentations."

## Command Religious Program Schedule

### Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday Mass .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass .....Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel  
Sun., Noon Sunday Mass .....Forrestal Village Chapel  
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday Mass .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Sun., 10:15-11:30 a.m. CCD .....Bldg. 122  
Sun, 10:15 a.m. Adult Education .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel

### Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and Worship .....Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Protestant Worship .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship Service .....Forrestal Village Chapel

### Full Gospel Service (Pentecostal)

Sun., 10:15 a.m. Sunday School adult & children .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Sun., 11:45 a.m. Morning Worship .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel

Wed., 7 p.m. Bible Study, adult & children .....Bluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Mon., 7 p.m. First Monday of month Bible Study/Fellowship, Men & WomensBluejacket Memorial Chapel  
Fri., 7 p.m. First Friday of month Youth Victory Service ..Bluejacket Memorial Chapel

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m. ....Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel

### Chapels

- Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, NTC
- Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
- Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
- For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you find a place of worship according to your tradition and needs.



# SportScene



## FANTASY SPORTS

### BEAT THE XO

With over 275 competing in our Fantasy Football League- Who can beat our resident expert? CDR HANK ROUX, XO, NAVSTA



#### NFL Week 13

Name: Sean Smiley  
Team: Beard of Zeus - 261 points

Weekly winner receives three free games of bowling at the Rynish Bowling Center (Bldg. 180).



## Fantasy Football League!

<b>Top 20 Great Lakes Standings – Season to Date</b> Top Active Duty score wins a Trip to Vegas on Super Bowl Weekend!	
<b>RNK TEAM WEEK SCORE</b>	
1. 6SHOOTERS Overall 2672	8. billygoat Overall 2592
2. hell cats Overall 2618	9. 24 Kt Golden Nuggets Overall 2585
3. Monsters Overall 2615	10. Bootcampers Overall 2580
4. gobucks Overall 2612	11. Wolverines Overall 2573
5. DaBirds Overall 2606	12. FalconFan1 Overall 2563
6. Mammals Overall 2602	13. FalconFan2 Overall 2560
7. PocketRockets Overall 2594	14. Red Tsunami Overall 2560
	15. detroitlionsfan Overall 2554
	16. DA SACKNUTS Overall 2544
	17. NavyTitan Overall 2516
	18. NRACKERS 2005 Overall 2506
	19. Where's Ditka Overall 2502
	20. Army JAG Overall 2494

## Great Lakes adult baseball team kick-off meeting is Jan. 7

Great Lakes baseball will be holding a kick-off meeting for the 2006 baseball season on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006. The meeting will be at the In-laws restaurant in Gurnee, Ill. at 2 p.m.

All interested players are encouraged to attend. We will also be receiving our trophy for winning the league championship and another trophy for winning our division during the 2005 season.

Great Lakes baseball which is open to all branches of service, DoD personnel, and retired personnel. The team plays weekend games during the summer against teams in the Chicago suburbs in the Midwest Suburban League.

During the meeting we will be discussing try outs, winter workouts, jerseys design and cost, cost of player's fee, and Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, who will be at the 2006 opening day ceremonies.

Interested players should e-mail or call manager CSI(SW) Beebe with any more questions or are interested but can't attend the meeting. Email address is theodoreb@nhcs.med.navy.mil. Mobile phone number is 309-840-0006.

Directions to in-laws from the base is west 137, right (north) Green Bay, left (west) Grand Ave., and left on 21 (Milwaukee). Once you make the left on Milwaukee the restaurant is across from the American Legion baseball field.

## Great Lakes Fitness Center

### Bldg. 2A, 688-5649

The Great Lakes Fitness Center is a complete, state-of-the-art health and fitness center. Special features of the Center include a "Weight Room" area that boasts over 75 weight machines, 4,500 pounds of weight plates, as well as Body Master plate-load equipment. The "Cardio Room" includes Treadmills, Crosstrainers (Elipticals), Lifecycles, Stepmills and more - complimented by personal screen televisions for viewing pleasure while working out. An Aerobics and Spin Studio offer various group exercise classes. Massage Therapy is available during the week and appointments can be made at the Front Desk. Plus, saunas, and locker and towel services are available. The Naval Hospital Health Promotion Office is also located in the Great Lakes Fitness Center.

#### The Great Lakes Fitness Center has "New Extended Hours!"

Mon.-Thurs; 5 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Fri.; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.; 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For holiday hours – a sign will be posted at the Center.

#### Massage Therapist ...

Sports Massage, Swedish Massage,

Therapeutic Massage and "New" Hot/Cold Stone Massage! Make an appointment with our Massage Therapist today! Stop in for a 5-minute "Chair Massage- Tune-Up" (when Therapist is open) on Monday and Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. "New" Saturday appointments are now available by paid appointments, ONLY. (See front desk for further information).Call the Great Lakes Fitness Center at 688-5649 to make an appointment today!

#### Aerobics Classes

Aerobics fees apply for all classes unless otherwise specified. All eligible gym customers are welcome. Classes are subject to change without notice. All classes take place in the Aerobics/Spin Studio at the Great Lakes Fitness Center. Step: Tues. & Thurs.; 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### Spin Classes take place in the Fitness Center's Spinning Studio.

Advance sign-ups are recommended for this program. Mon., Wed. & Fri.; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 4:30-5:15 p.m.

#### Yoga

Tues. & Thurs.; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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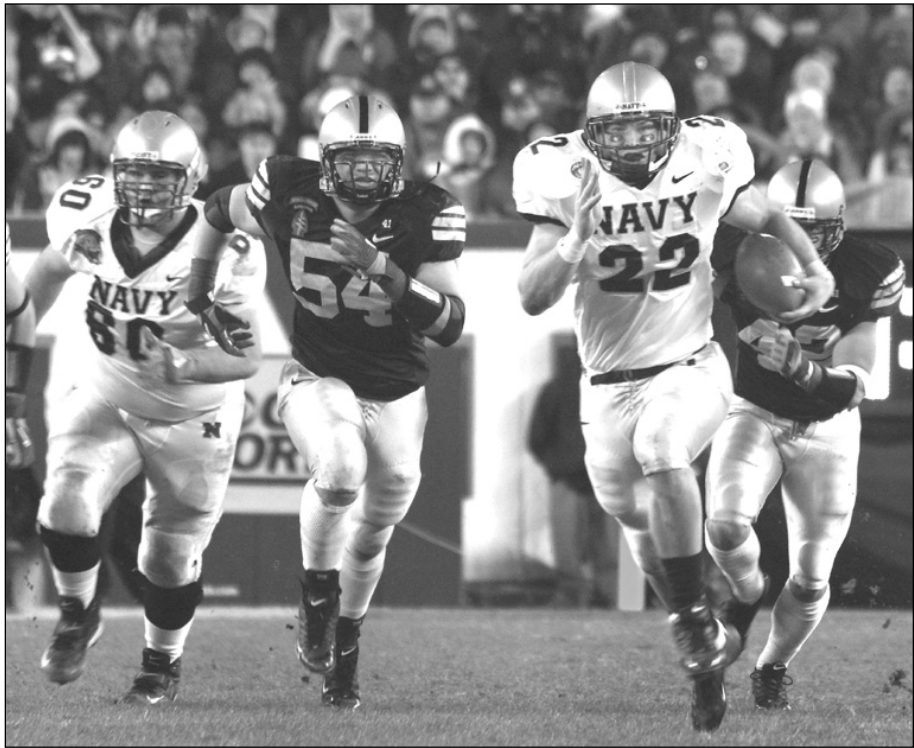
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### Navy crushes Army

Philadelphia, PA. – U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman fullback Adam Ballard (22) rushes for one of two touchdowns while being persued by Army defenders Cason Shrode (54) and Taylor Justice (42). This was the 106th Army vs. Navy Football game. The Mids have now won the past four Army-Navy battles, and now lead the series at 50-49-7. U.S. Navy photo by PHC Johnny Bivera.

## Navy to play in San Diego's Poinsettia Bowl, Dec. 22

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) -- U.S. Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk announced Nov. 21 that the Naval Academy has accepted an invitation to play in the inaugural San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. (PST) at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, against Colorado State University.

The game will be televised by ESPN2. The bid also came with a bonus, as the Midshipmen will have the opportunity to play in the Poinsettia Bowl in 2008, 2009 or 2010 if Navy is bowl eligible then.

"Blue sky, 72 degrees, palm trees and sunshine in December works for us," said Gladchuk. "A beautiful setting in a Navy city in one of the finest football venues in the country has everyone excited."

The bowl bid is a landmark achievement for the Naval Academy football program, as it marks the first time in school history that Navy has gone to bowl games three years in a row.

"Three bowl games in a row is historic for the Academy, and our congratulations to Coach Johnson, his staff and our players for reaffirming that Navy is one of the finest football programs in the nation."

"What better way to kick off San Diego's newest bowl game than to have the United States Naval Academy as one of the teams," said Poinsettia Bowl President Doug Sawyer. "We couldn't be happier that the Naval Academy has accepted our invitation."

"I'm excited the team has achieved one of their goals, to have a chance to go to a bowl game, and I'm excited to be going to San Diego," said Navy head coach Paul Johnson. "It's a great city and I'm sure the kids will have a great time. We are excited about it."

"Let's beat Army first," said Gladchuk, "then take on Colorado State for a fantastic finish to an historic season."

"After today we won't mention it again until after the Army-Navy game," said Johnson.



# An American tests his mettle with stint in French Foreign Legion

By LCDR YOUSSEF ADOUL-ENEIN  
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*Legion of the Lost: The True Experience of an American in the French Foreign Legion by Jaime Salazar. The Berkley Publishing Group (a division of Penguin Books) 375 Hudson Street, New York 243 pages, 2005.*

The French Foreign Legion to the uninitiated can seem like a romantic elite force, a family of rejects molded together to defend what French troops including the Legion call La Madame République (the French Republic).

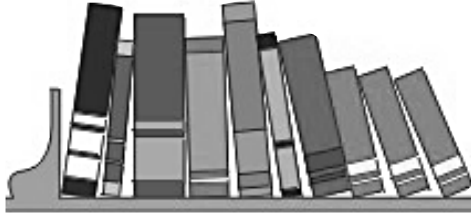
Jaime Salazar was Purdue University engineering graduate who looked around and saw himself tired of the daily rat race of commuting and climbing the corporate ladder. His book explains his odyssey of wanting to be part of something larger than himself and should touch a cord for all of us in the armed services. Yet he sought the desire for camaraderie, feeling he was part of an elite family not in the United States armed forces but in the French Foreign Legion or Legion Etrangère.

Salazar's book offers many lessons to the American military reader, such as the training techniques of the Legion, the using ones fist or kicking recruits in an effort to teach them military skills. The corrosive effect of alcoholism, drug use and racism has on retaining Légionnaires. Salazar would end his short three-year stint in the French Foreign Legion by deserting and returning to Ohio after his sergeant refused to take seriously his medical condition which was getting worse.

He did return however to face punishment and would be given instead a quick discharge which would be a painful experience. This book lifts the veil and takes you through one recruits journey through an organization although elite has caused France it share of problems including a mutiny in 1961-62 for refusing to leave the French colony of Algeria. The regular French Army known as Armée de Terre would be on an ever increasing struggle to reform the Legion and the book discusses the reaction of hardened Légionnaires.

The book begins with his arrival at Le Fort de Nogent one of dozens of recruitment stations around France; any French police station can offer a ride to the nearest Foreign Legion recruiting station that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is here you sign a five year contract for service in the Legion.

From the first hour, those in the Legion treated Salazar with harshness, because it was inconceivable in a world in which Algerians are escaping a brutal civil war, Eastern Europeans and Russians economic depression as well as Africans crippling wars over minerals and resources find refuge in today's Legion that an American would want to volunteer.



At La Fort Nogent, Salazar would receive his new name in the Legion Juan Sanchez, it was picked for him, like African-American Jasper Benson became James Bond. The candidate spends two weeks at the recruiting station usually when they muster enough recruits for the trip to the training center at Aubagne. This is not simply here is a paper, go home and come back to catch the bus, but two weeks of waking up and endless chores the most hated being corvée (cleaning duty), the candidate cleaned his room four times a day. Here you find people gravitating based on language with an Algerian who was quick to point out that he was of the Berber people wanted to pick a fight with Salazar.

Upon arrival at Aubagne, the Foreign Legion's first phase of boot camp, recruits are photographed from head to toe with every part scrutinized for tattoos and distinctive birthmarks in case of desertion. Here you were a lowly bleu or rouge. The bleus awoke at 0400 and were used as a source of free labor from road improvements to food preparation.

The rouges passed their first phase and were waiting to go to Castelnaudary to train with the 4e Regiment Etranger training facility for recruits where the kepi blanc (distinctive Foreign Legion white hat is earned). The Foreign Legion advertises that French will be taught, this is usually by such methods as if you fail to name the food in French it is taken away.

Persons quickly form groups based on ethnicity and language such as mafia Russe (Russian-speaking), mafia Anglaise (English-speaking) that spend time undermining one another and outright attacking each other physically.

The rations always seem to be inadequate and designed to get the soldier used to going without. There are bright spots, such as excellent weapons training and different terrain exercises, also a real sense of heritage the Legion instills in its own but in the end readers will learn of several desertions including Salazar's and wonder what a waste.

Salazar's skill in painting murals was discovered late and his engineering degree that would have been useful in demolition and fortress building could have served the Legion well but remained undiscovered. It is an organization searching for a way of reinventing itself in the 21st century.

Read this unflattering portrait of the Legion and learn what is right and wrong from Salazar's experience with the French Foreign Legion's training methods.

## President's Iraq strategy online

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 2005 – President Bush's National Strategy for Victory in Iraq is available online at the White House Web site, <http://www.whitehouse.gov>.

The 35-page document articulates the broad strategy Bush set forth in 2003 and provides an update on progress in Iraq as well as the challenges remaining, according to the Web site.

The document opens with an executive summary, which defines the national strategy as "helping the Iraqi people defeat the terrorists and build an inclusive democratic state." It then gives an overview of the different elements of the strategy before going into detail on the political, security and economic tracks.

An appendix at the end of the document lists and defines the eight strategic pillars:

- Defeat the terrorists and neutralize the insurgency;
- Transition Iraq to security self-reliance;
- Help Iraqis forge a national compact for democratic government;
- Help Iraq build government capacity and provide essential services;
- Help Iraq strengthen its economy;
- Help Iraq strengthen the rule of law and promote civil rights;
- Increase international support for Iraq; and
- Strengthen public understanding of coalition efforts and public isolation of the insurgents.

The document is available for viewing directly on the Web site and in portable document format.



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## NCO awarded Silver Star for actions during ambush

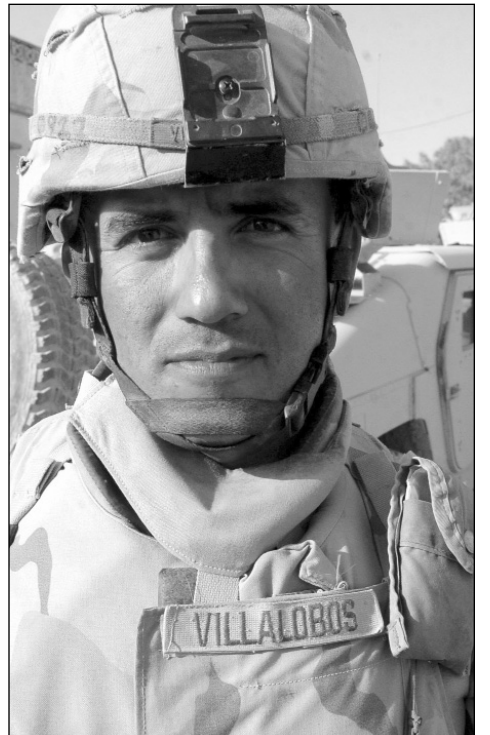
Sgt. 1st Class Gary Villalobos of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was awarded the Silver Star Medal Oct. 12 for his gallantry in combat while outnumbered by insurgents June 7 in Tal Afar, Iraq.

During a squadron operation in Tal Afar, Villalobos was tasked to follow and assist an Iraqi Army platoon and two members of the 1st Brigade Military Transition Team – one being Lt. Col. Terrence Crowe. After the first member of the team was injured during a raid on the platoon's first target, Villalobos, Crowe and the Iraqi soldiers came under heavy attack from hand grenades, an improvised explosive device, rocket propelled grenades and machine gun fire.

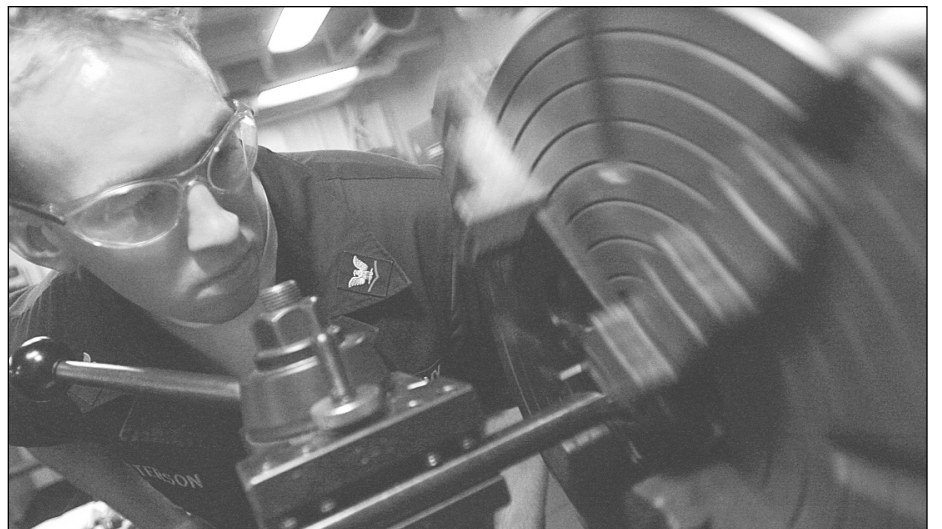
Both Villalobos and Crowe maneuvered down an alleyway where five insurgents ambushed the squad. All but two of the Iraqi Army Soldiers retreated, leaving Crowe and Villalobos. Crowe was hit numerous times in the lower abdomen, and fell to the ground 10 feet in front of Villalobos.

Villalobos reported the downed officer and returned fire. He called for armor support and killed at least one insurgent with a grenade. Rather than leave his fallen comrade, Villalobos risked his life to evacuate Crowe to a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, preventing insurgents from capturing his body.

"To this day, I'm still amazed that I did not break contact with the enemy," Villalobos said. "If I had a split second to think, I probably would have broke contact. I just instinctively stayed and fought until the enemy broke contact."



1st Class Gary Villalobos, assigned to Fox Troop, Second Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, displays his Silver Star he earned for his heroic actions on June 7, 2005 in which he engaged the enemy to retrieve the body of a fallen comrade. The 14-year indirect fire infantryman hails from Santa Maria, Calif. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks



## Turning metal

Pacific Ocean - MR3 William Peterson, the assistant leading petty officer of the Machine Shop, bores holes for night vision goggle test equipment aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5). U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Zack Baddorf



# REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR:



**Francis Gingras**, 81, was an 18-year-old 2nd Class seaman aboard the *USS Helena*.

"I was a loader on a 1.1-inch anti-air gun so I saw everything that happened that morning at Pearl. My gun station was positioned so I could look down battleship row. The *California* was right over here and the *Oklahoma* was turned over right over there and the destroyer *Shaw* blew up over here and the *Arizona* blew up down there.

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**Bob Barchenger**, 83, was a Yeoman 3rd Class aboard *USS Argonne*. He was 20 at the time of the attack. Barchenger is the president, Chapter One, Pearl Harbor Survivor Association.

"I was in the flag office waiting to go ashore. About five minutes to eight I heard explosions and ran to the window and saw Japanese dive bombers carrying out their raid and I knew we were going to war with Japan. I immediately reported to the OOD

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**Jay Kough**, 83, was a Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class stationed aboard *USS California*. He was 18.

"I was taking a shower getting ready to relieve the watch. I heard the battle alarm and looked out the porthole and this Jap bomber was flying right outside and then all hell broke loose.

"I put on a T-shirt and a pair of tropical white shorts and then went to my battle station on the second deck on the portside. As a pharmacist I began to

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Naval Historical Society.  
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PH1 Michael Worner.

This morning, eight local World War II veterans gathered again to renew friendships and reflect on the common bond that has held them together for 64 years: all are survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The veterans and their guests were escorted to USS Midway aboard RTC, Great Lakes this morning where they were received as honor guests. From VIP seating in the drill hall they also had the opportunity to shake hands with recruit division commanders. Sea stories were abundant.

Sixty four years ago on Dec. 7, 1941 the Imperial Japanese navy launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The next day the United States entered World War II. The Japanese fleet was comprised of six aircraft carriers, two battleships, three cruisers, nine destroyers and eight oilers. The attack wreaked devastation on the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet. Twenty-one ships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet were sunk or damaged: the battleships *USS Arizona* (BB-39), (an armor piercing bomb ignited the ship's forward ammunition magazine), *USS California* (BB-44), *USS Maryland* (BB-46), *USS Nevada* (BB-36), *USS Oklahoma* (BB-37), *USS Pennsylvania* (BB-38), *USS Tennessee* (BB-43) and *USS Raleigh* (CL-7); the destroyers *USS Cassin* (DD-372), *USS Downes* (DD-375), *USS Helm* (DD-388) and *USS Shaw* (DD-373); seaplane tender *USS Curtiss* (AV-4); target ship (ex-battleship) *USS Sotoyomo* (YT-9); and Floating Drydock Number 2.

Aircraft losses were 188 destroyed and 159 damaged, the majority hit before they had a chance to take off. American dead numbered 2,403. That figure included 68 civilians, most of them killed and civilian wounded.

What follows is a reprint of a Bulletin interview with the WWII veterans who gathered this morning at drill hall USS Midway. Since then, one of the eight, Howard Adams, who was serving on the *USS Arizona*, died 10 years ago:



# 64 YEARS LATER

**Ralph H. Laedtke**, 84, a 21-year-old Pharmacist's Mate aboard the auxiliary hospital ship *USS Solace (AH-5)*.

"I was in the crew's washroom, it was right around five minutes to eight, when I heard a thumping sound. I thought it was coming from the other side of the metal bulkhead where the chow line was located. Actually, it was antiaircraft fire from destroyers moored on the portside of our ship shooting at Jap planes. Then the

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**John Terrell**, 84, was ship's company aboard the destroyer/mine sweeper *USS Perry*. The 19-year-old sailor was attending mine sweeper school ashore at Navy receiving station located on Magazine Island.

"I was in my bunk. I had stood an 8 to 12 watch the night before and was allowed some extra sack time on a Sunday morning. I was reading a comic book in my skivvies when the hubbub started. I was on the third deck of the barracks when I heard some

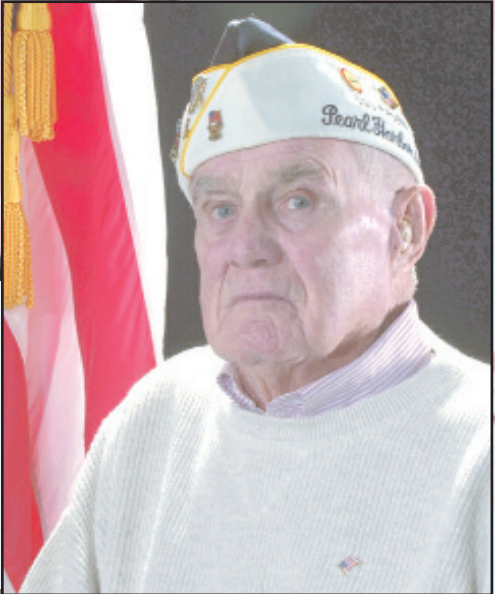
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**John Haffey**, 83, was a Fireman 1st Class aboard *USS Phoenix*. "Lucky *Phoenix*" came away from the attack unscathed. The cruiser earned nine battle stars in 20 different actions and saw only one crewmember killed throughout the war.

"I was in the evaporator room where we made fresh water out of saltwater. In port we were secured because we got our water from the pier. Even during GQ my battle station was secured. So,

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**Ambrose Ferri**, 86, then, a 23-year-old 3rd Class Yeoman

"I was stationed aboard the *USS Vestal (AR-4)*, which was a repair ship. That Friday we tied up alongside the *Arizona* to give her 10 days of upkeep and repair. Our bow was facing the *Arizona* stern. We could repair everything from a watch to foundry work. I worked in the personnel office. On Saturday morning we had a pre-work and inspection meeting

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the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Pearl Harbor survivors watched seven recruit divisions graduate. They

**By Paul Engstrom**

Pacific Fleet. Magazine killing 1,177 crewmen, the greatest loss of life on any ship that day and about half the USS West Virginia (BB-48); cruisers USS Helena (CL-50), USS Honolulu (CL-48) and USS USS Utah (AG-16); repair ship USS Vestal (AR-4); minelayer USS Oglala (CM-4); tug USS

led by improperly fused anti-aircraft shells landing in Honolulu. There were 1,178 military g aboard the USS West Virginia in 1941, has died. Here is their story of that fateful day 64